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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Talking Points on Lebanon Situation Keyed on
"Post-Beirut" Issues

1. The following is a checklist of major issues which will be confronting policymakers after a successful evacuation of most PLO and Syrian forces under the Habib scenario:

- Syrian and Palestinian forces will remain in north Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley. Short of renewed fighting (see attachment), no process is currently underway to remove them. It is possible some Beirut Palestinian fighters, now to be distributed among various Arab countries, will ultimately reinfiltrate north Lebanon through Syria in these areas.
- Assuming Syrian and Palestinian forces remain, a non-declared solidification of Lebanon's partition would have occurred. The ethnic mix of a "central" government excluding these areas would approximate the original basis for the Lebanese state, and could render reassertion of power by a Maronite-dominated government easier. If accepted by the local parties, a big "if," there is no inherent problem in this situation for the United States.
- The Maronite-Shia modus vivendi, juxtaposed with the departure of Palestinian and Syrian troops, renders Sunni Muslim opposition to a strong Maronite president impractical in power terms. PLO stay-behinds will not be sufficient to alter this situation, and Israeli troop presence, of course, reinforces it. A pre-1975 power equation is not being recreated in the current Beirut scenario.

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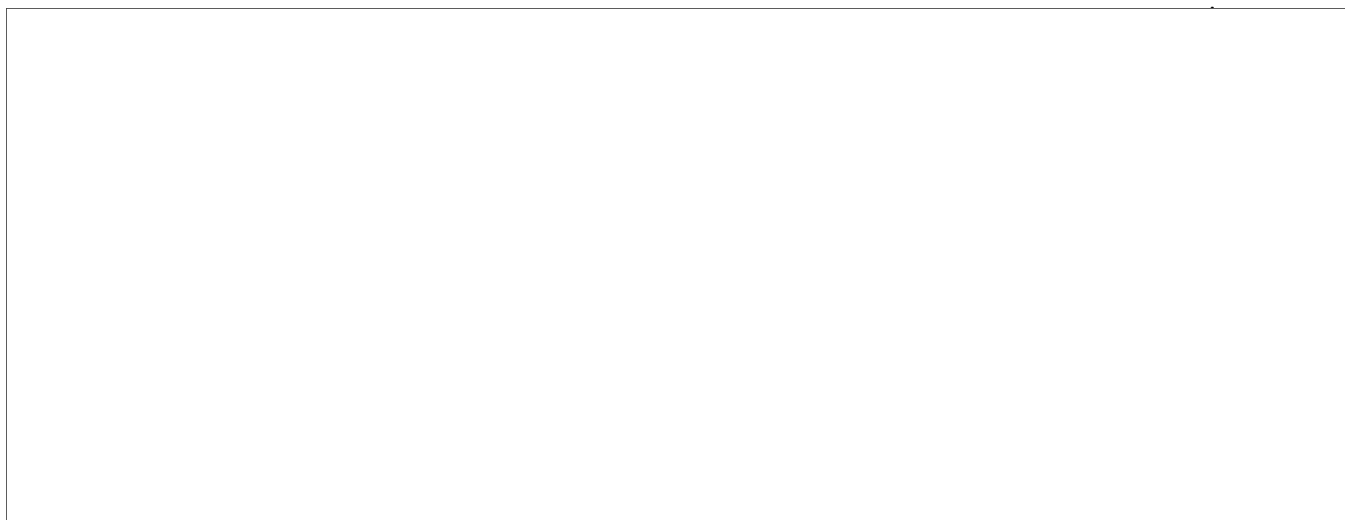
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